

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge that Claims 3, 6, 7, 10, 14-15, 18, 20, 22-23, 25, 29, 31 and 33 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 14-15, 18, 23, 25, 29, and 33 were withdrawn from consideration by the Office Action mailed on June 11, 2008. Claims 6, 7, 10, and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bosi et al. To expedite allowance, Applicants, by this Amendment and Response, cancel Claims 3, 6, 7, 10, 14-15, 18, 23, 25, 29, 31 and 33 without prejudice. Claims 20 and 22 are amended by the instant Amendment and Response.

The June 11 Office Action indicated that Claims 20 and 22 would be allowable if recited in independent format. See Office Action, page 3, item 5. Amended Claims 20 and 22 are in independent format. Thus, Applicants consider the application to be in condition for allowance.

If Applicants can be of further assistance, the examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fee(s) or credit overpayment(s) to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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